

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A swim raft, comprising:

a three-dimensional shaped body exhibiting, in cross section, a substantially elliptical configuration with a substantially planar bottom, a curved side, and a substantially smoothed face and sloping top;

said body having an outer shell constructed of a first buoyant material comprising a polyester laminate, a pigmented polyester gel coat being applied over said polyester laminate shell and which encapsulates a solid inner foam core material constructed of a second buoyant material, a textured nonskid surface applied upon said gel coat; and

at least one decorative indicia associated with and projecting upwardly from said sloping top in order to create a recreational platform of sufficient size and dimension to support one or more individuals.

2. (Original) The swim raft as described in claim 1, said body exhibiting a specified shape and size and further comprising at least a polyester, plastic, polymer, or elastomer based material.

3-4 (Canceled)

5. (Original) The swim raft as described in claim 1, said decorative indicia further comprising an artificial grass applied over said sloping top and across a predetermined surface area.

6. (Original) The swim raft as described in claim 1, said decorative indicia further comprising a flag pole extending from said sloping top.

7. (Original) The swim raft as described in claim 1, said decorative indicia further comprising a miniaturized lighthouse structure extending from said sloping top.

8. (Original) The swim raft as described in claim 1, said decorative indicia further comprising at least one artificial palm tree extending from said sloping top.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A swim raft, comprising:

a three-dimensional shaped body exhibiting, in cross section, a substantially elliptical configuration with a substantially planar bottom, a curved side, and a sloping top;

said body having an outer shell constructed of a buoyant shell material and which encapsulates a solid inner foam core;

said outer shell further comprising a laminate, a pigmented polyester gel coat applied over said laminate outer shell, a textured nonskid surface applied upon said gel coat;

at least one decorative indicia associated with said sloping top, said decorative indicia including an artificial grass applied over said sloping top and across a predetermined area; and

said decorative indicia further comprising at least one structural object projecting from said sloping top and including at least one of a flag pole, a miniaturized lighthouse and an

artificial palm tree in order to create a recreational platform of sufficient size and dimension to support one or more individuals.

11-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method of constructing a swim raft, comprising the steps of:

forming a three-dimensional shaped buoyant and stable body from a solid and foamable core material such that said body exhibits a substantially elliptical configuration in cross section with a planar bottom, a circumferentially extending and curved side, and a sloping top;

coating said body with a laminate outer shell material including a polyester laminate and further comprising the step of applying a pigmented polyester gel coat over said laminate shell and which encapsulates said inner foam core; ~~and~~

applying a textured nonskid surface upon said gel coat;

applying at least one decorative indicia upon said top surface, said decorative indicia further comprising applying an artificial grass composition over said sloping top and across a predetermined surface area; and

applying at least one structural object in projecting fashion from said sloping top.

14-17 (Canceled)